

ROUGH-STUFF ROMP CHECKS WANDERERS

Southall 1,

Wycombe Wanderers 0

AFTER the Wanderers' crushing of Athenian League Southall 5-0 at Loakes Park a fortnight ago Southall showed on Tuesday that they had learned their lesson from their previous encounter.

Determined that Wycombe would not inflict the same type of thrashing in front of their own supporters, Southall used the "big boot" and any other tactic to stop them from scoring. Every occasion in which Len Worley looked dangerous he was unceremoniously dumped on the ground.

Goalkeeper John Maskell was injured and Colin Bunting was brought in and gave a creditable performance, although he stood no chance with the winning goal.

Wycombe had only spasmodic raids into the Southall area, with Merrick and Bates being the front runners. Bates had his best game since his return, looking far sharper than he had been for his previous matches since his injury.

THE DECIDER

Southall scored the only goal of the match in the 37th minute.

Wakefield pushed the ball through the middle to catch Rundle on the wrong foot, and Shepherd drove it home into the right hand corner.

Gale was unlucky not to equalise when he dribbled past three men before 'keeper Brench gathered his shot at the second attempt.

Southall: Brench; Stapley, Caterer; King, Mead, Goode; Woodbridge, Wakefield, Shepherd, Dipper, Kinsella.

Wycombe Wanderers: Bunting; Beck, Roystone; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Busby, Merrick, Samuels, Bates.